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Hello!

This is, in principle, my last President's message, and, like my time at the helm of our association, I'll keep it short and sweet.

A lot is going on this month, as we are preparing for our first, and, hopefully, only completely virtual AGM to which a presentation and a virtual auction are added.

The information required to join our meeting appears below, our agenda is on page 2, our list of auction lots on page 9 and our financials are on page 10. As the minutes of our 2019 meeting are lengthy, they will be sent as another attachment. Be sure to take a look at them.

Throughout the newsletter, you will find great articles that will keep you entertained until we meet on the 22nd. Enjoy!

France

CAWMC General Annual Meeting (on ZOOM)

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm EST

Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors (CAWMC) Meeting

https://zoom.us/j/95084445046 Meeting ID: 950 8444 5046 Passcode: 547719

Joining us using your phone? We'll email the numbers prior to the meeting.

Featured Wood of the Month

This featured wood of the month is produced by Jim Smith and is offered by Judy Blackman. The Baseball side represents the 75 anniversary of the (unfortunately cancelled) International Softball Congress (ISC) Tournaments. This one was originally planned to happen in Kitchener ON in July 2021, but was moved for Eldridge IL in early August 2021,

The other side commemorates the Year of the Ox (February 12,2021 to January 30, 2022.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021 6:30 PM EST

Call to order, confirm quorum

Moment of silence

Approval of minutes of meeting held on August 13, 2019

Reports:

President's Report

Treasurer's Report 2018, 2019

New Business:

CAWMC Awards

Election of 2021-2023 Executive

Call for Adjournment.

Special Presentation: Ships and Boats on Woods

Member's Discoveries

AUCTION

*C*APITAL IRON

GOOD FOR $10 WOOD

AL MUNRO F.R.C.N.A.;L.M.C.A.W.M.C;L.M.C.N.S.

This article started when I received an e-mail from France Waychison our President/Editor saying:“Hi: I was translating NumisNotes and I noticed a story about a 2 foot wide Good For $10 wood created by Ron Greene and auctioned in Regina in 1985. I thought it would be a good subject for an article and would be cool to illustrate it with a picture of one of these woods with its owner. Ron mentioned 8 woods. Can you help, with a picture and/or recollection of how you got one of these?”

The comment in NumisNotes that she referred to is part of a tribute to Don Robb, which states “Don actually didn't attend all the CNA conventions, but I (Ron) did, and he asked me to attend the wooden money group on his behalf and so I collected a lot of fire starters for him from the other club members at their meetings where I assumed the identity of ‘Don Robb West’. On one of the occasions, I made up 8 two foot wooden $10 pieces out of a standard sized sheet of plywood, the largest wooden money that I can recall in Canada. I planned them as a nice awkward size since the convention that year was in Saskatchewan and Don had hoped to make it, but he did not so I could not chuckle over him carrying a large wooden $10 token onto the plane. He got one of them anyway.”

Dave Gillespie of Orangeville, Ontario advised: “ The wood made by Ron Greene was related to his company, Capital Iron in Victoria, B.C. and was on auction at the 1985 C.N.A.held in Regina, Saskatchewan. The catalogue number is 9850-029a and is mentioned in "Chips from The Wood Pile" - Article # 10, in the October 2020 issue of Timber Talk”

Dave continues “In my follow-up enquiries it was suggested that Garry Braunwarth bought both items at the Breakfast auction but I wouldn’t be surprised if Al Munro has one and possibly one is in Bob Savoy’s collection currently with his son.” I agree that Garry Braunwarth purchased the two woods offered at the auction and I confirmed that Bob Savoy’s estate has one copy, probably Don Robb’s, but Dave is incorrect in assuming that I have one of the copies.

I contacted Ron Greene to determine if he still has any of the woods, to determine the rationale in issuing the wood and to determine the distribution of the six copies not included in the auction. Ron confirmed the story described in the tribute quoted above. He said: “I still have two of them, one that was spent at Capital Iron, to make a

point that it was a "legitimate" trade piece. Eight pieces was all that I could get out of a sheet of plywood. I tried but failed to get some 2x2 holders for the pieces and I haven't tried to slab them." He continued "I think that Don was planning to come to the Regina convention, and I thought it would be fun to give some out at the convention knowing they were a little too big to fit in a suitcase. I'm not sure why, but he changed his mind and didn't come." He continued "I just thought that giving two to the CAWMC breakfast would help out that fire-starter group and allow them to produce more kindling - sorry. I meant more souvenirs. It was also intended to produce some fun." Ron advised that, in addition to the wood given to Don Robb, he gave one to Les Copan and is not sure who he gave the other two to but thinks they were prominent Canadian Numismatic Association members. Ron had his daughter take a picture, shown below, of him holding one of the two copies in his possession. Dave Byard has advised that he also has one copy so if anyone knows of the location of one of the woods please contact me.

Capital Iron is a retail establishment, operated by the Greene family and is located on Store Street in Victoria, British Columbia. The Capital Iron buildings, featured on the token, have a long history for Victoria, being amongst the oldest buildings still in use in the city. The taller building was built in 1863 as a two story stone structure, one story of which was below the street level, the designer was John Wright of Wright and Sanders. Wright has been called the grandfather of west coast architecture. He left Victoria for San Francisco in 1867 where he practised for another 40 years or so. However, all of his fancy residences for the ultra-wealthy on Knob Hill were destroyed in the fire that followed the 1906 earthquake. All his governmental buildings such as hospitals have also been demolished when they became obsolete, so most surviving examples of his work are from his 1858-1867 Victoria period.

A Montreal based rice miller took over the buildings in 1885 and added two more stories, partly in 1885 and completed in 1890. They also built the brick building on the left in 1890 for the rice mill expansion. Ron Greene added the extension on the right in 1976. It was set back 3 metres (10 feet) so as not to detract from the Victorian gingerbread facade which he had restored. The restoration of the facades won a Regional award from Heritage Canada in 1982. Claude Maurice was the architect of all the modern work.

Ron's father, Morris Greene, started renting the buildings in 1934 for a scrap business, but, during the depression and WWII which followed, a transition to retail of salvaged and surplus materials occurred when industrial and consumer goods were hard to obtain. Morris was able to purchase the buildings and three lots in 1944 and over the years more property was acquired to expand the site. The retail component of the business kept expanding from about 1950 when new retail space was introduced and today the business is one of Victoria's most popular shopping destinations. Capital Iron is now operated by the third generation of the family

Numismatic Background and Items of Barry Uman

By Barry Uman, FCNRS, FCNA

I really do not know when I started my first coin collection, but it was in the early 1950's. My interest first began when I was visiting my uncle. He had joined the Royal Air Force in England during W.W.II and had brought back a jar of foreign European coins as a souvenir of the various countries in which he was stationed. This attracted my interest and every time I visited his home, I would empty his jar of coins and study each piece. I was about seven or eight years old. As I grew older, I acquired a paper route, which enabled me to expand my coin collection. The customers paid cash every week and I loved to check my change after every collection. When I first attended high school in 1958, I helped found its first coin club, "Northmount High School Coin Club". We were fortunate to have the renowned numismatist, "Harold Don Allen", as our advisor. He was both our math teacher and numismatic advisor. It was through his contacts that our club was able to visit all the bank head offices which were then centered in Montreal. We were able to view many scrapbooks of private bank notes in their archives. In addition, we were granted a private visit to the Bank of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mint in Ottawa, where we viewed the production of both bank notes and coins. I was the only student from the 35 club members who remained in the hobby.

I joined the Montreal Coin Club, now the Montreal Numismatic Society, Lakeshore Coin Club and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association over 55 years ago. I will be nearing this milestone with some other numismatic clubs within the next few years. I am a fellow of Canadian Numismatic Research Society and the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association. I have been a director of many different national numismatic associations in the past. Presently I am the treasurer and past president of the Lakeshore Coin Club and vice president of the Montreal Numismatic Society. My collecting interests have changed over the past 67 years, but I now specialize in Canadian

tokens, medals and woods, especially those of early collectors, clubs and dealers.

My research is concentrated in this field and it also includes tokens and medals of Montreal and Quebec. I had all

my commemorative woods struck by "Jim Deluney" except for the special anniversaries.

My 60th anniversary commemorative wood is made of balsa wood, and it is business card size. The obverse pictures my logo of a seated student inspecting a numismatic item. It was copied from a plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary of *l'Ecole Industrielle* in Brussels, Belgium, (1871-1937) and was struck by *Fonsont & Cie*

The reverse shows the various clubs and

associations which I hold membership. These calling cards were made by Norm Belsten 7 years ago.

I just celebrated my 75th anniversary birthday in August and I had a 150-commemorative plastic tokens made by Canada Wide Woods. The obverse uses my standard logo of a collector inspecting a numismatic item. The reverse inscription is "Diamond Jubilee Birthday/75/1945-2020" with 2 maple leaves on each side of "75". This piece is white color with the black print on the obverse and gold print on the reverse.

This 2020 souvenir piece plus my 2 other copper commemoratives dated 1979 for the 25th Montreal Numismatic Society anniversary and 1976 for the bicentennial of the U.S.A. are available for free but please include a *looney* to cover the postage. I will substitute a previous wood item upon on request.

Chips from the Woodpile …By Dave Gillespie

Canada Wide Woods was thinking ahead in the summer of 1999 to January, 2000 when the calendar would make a big change. Some thought that it was the beginning of the 21st Century but they were a year early. C.W.W. advertised both round and flat designs for members to consider should they be thinking about having a wood made to kick off the year '2000'. Wood types, materials and prices were also provided.

Bulletin Editor Ross Kingdon announced that requests were being received from members to hold the free monthly woods until the end of the year. It appeared that Canada Post was not being kind in handling the monthly newsletters and woods were being broken. Ross asked other members to contact him should they want to be put on his yearend shipping list.

Prince George advertised the design of its newest Spruce Dollar (the 151st wood to be made) at a cost of $ 3.00 plus postage. The Chamber of Commerce was promoting a new Art Gallery to open in 2000.

Tourism Saskatoon launched a wooden Toonie to promote business in the city and province. Five thousand woods were made, and the concept was for visitors to purchase a tourism Sask-A-Toonie and show it at events, tourism attractions and places like the Wanuskewin Heritage Park to receive a discount. The program directors estimated that visitors would save as much as $80.00 using of the Toonie. Local businesses would also see increase trade and benefit.

A great article entitled "A History and Check-List of Wooden Money" by Emil Di Bella appeared in the December 1999 Timber Talk and, although too long to re-print here, is worth reading if someone in your club has saved old issues of the newsletter.

Eric Jensen spent a number of years working and living in St John's, Newfoundland and as a member and collector was able to put together a comprehensive listing of his woods from Newfoundland & Labrador.

In late 2000, Jerry Remick wanted members to know that Christmas and Hanukkah woods could be ordered from as many as five manufacturers, two in Canada and three in the U.S. The manufacturers names, addresses and price lists were made available

Sadly, Bob Savoy wrote to the Editor asking him to let C.A.W.M.C. members know that the Atlantic Provinces Wooden Money Association was no longer holding semi-annual functions. The A.P.W.M.A. usually held a spring and fall show but was being put on hold due to President Bob's health issues and poor attendances. Bob was also encouraging Maritime only collectors to join C.A.W.M.C.

The "Big Spot" wood with a Pepsi logo in the centre advertising a free Pepsi with a $5.00 purchase surfaced with no known origin. Bob Savoy from Miramichi let members know that it was a Canadian wood from a Dairy Bar Take- Out location in Chatham and although the business closed in about 1990 the wood was available by contacting him.

Family & Company of Stratford, Ontario was creative and issued wooden $1.00, $2.00 and $5.00 coins to boost retail sales in their toy and games for children store. The advertising and values were burned into both sides of each wood giving them a nice brown look. The $1.00 coin was distributed for 1997 and 1998 whilst all three coins were on the market and redeemable in 1999 and 2000.

AND now for another quiz question:

Who had a wood made in honour of his 100th Birthday?

'Til next time …… Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie

Answer to the quiz question of June 2021

Q. Who is the only person (past C.A.W.M.C. member) to have attended every C.N.A. convention from 1954 to 2000?

A. James E. Charlton

CAWMC AGM VIRTUAL AUCTION

To be held on July 22, 2021

CONSIGNMENTS

	CATALOGUE	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	RARITY		RESERVE
1	5190-001	1963	Cobalt ON -Cradle of Mining	R-3	$	2.00
2	7810-001	no date	Rostern-Sask-Lions Club	R-4	$	2.00
3	5884-058	2010	N Gordon-Display Presentation	R-2	$	2.00
4	3100-025	1988	Shackleton, Queen's U	R-1	$	2.00
5	8800-002		Red Deer AB- Plaza Shopping	R-3	$	2.00
6	5105-001A	1975	Kammer Music- guitar	R-2	$	4.00
	5105-002	1978	Kammer Music-Belleville 100	R-2		
DONATIONs						
1			CAWMC- Canada 150 medal		$	25.00
2	varia	varia	Birds of my Garden-Lou Vesh	R-1	$	35.00
3		2020	One wooden Dollar-Dr Bonnie Henry		$	5.00
4		2020	Satirical-D Trump		$	5.00
5		2020	$1-Mystery of Zoom meetings		$	5.00
6		2020	Paradis-Centennial 50mm		$	5.00
7	varia	varia	Happy New year's Woods	R-1	$	8.00
8	varia	varia	Valentine's Day Woods	R-1	$	8.00
9	varia	varia	Merry Christmas Woods	R-1	$	8.00
10	SD-108	1963	Prince George SD-City Centre	R-1	$	5.00
11	SD-100	1976	Prince George SD-Elementary French W	R-1	$	5.00
12	SD-111	1978	Prince George SD-Northern BC Games	R-1	$	5.00
13	SD-156	2005	Prince George SD-Vintage Car Club	R-1	$	5.00
14	CLCC 014A	1979	Group of **3** Can large Cents -Colored	R-1	$	3.00
	CLCC 014B	1979				
	CLCC 018	1980				
15	5780-001, 002,	1955	Group of **5** different	R-4	$	20.00
	004, 007,007B	1955	Sault Ste. Marie woods	R-4		

Our auctioneer, Al Munro, will accept **e-mail, phone and mail bids** on these lots, as long as they are received **by July 9th**. Please email wood5cents@shaw.ca, phone (403) 273-6133 or mail to P.O. Box 2643 Station “M” Calgary AB CA T2P3C1. All bids will be subject to $1.00 increments. All successful bidders will be responsible for the postage costs.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019 and DECEMBER 31, 2020

(WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018)

			"2018"	"2019"	"2020"
RECEIPTS					
Member's dues			$ 760.00	$760.00	$760.00
Donation	Auction		$ 308.00	$346.00	NIL
	Decorated Woods		$ 64.00	$175.00	NIL
	Other		$ 172.00	$140.00	$25.00
Interest			$ 64.56	$93.38	$96.54
U.S. Exchange			$ 15.32	$34.80	$39.89
TOTAL			$ 1,383.88	$1,549.18	$921.43
EXPENDITURES					
Timber Talk		Postage	$ 322.97	$261.60	$359.03
		Printing	$ 233.23	$181.29	$233.55
Secretary Treasurer			$ 43.56	$75.55	$26.10
Distribution woods			$ 70.00	$70.00	$50.00
Promotional Woods			$ 40.00	NIL	NIL
Annual AGM Subsidy			$ 164.73	NIL	NIL
Benevolent			NIL	$135.59	NIL
Membership R.C.N. A			$ 45.00	$45.00	$44.00
TOTAL			$ 919.49	$769.03	$712.68
NET RECEIPTS			$ 464.39	$780.15	$208.75
MEMBERS EQUITY, BEGINNING OF YEAR			$ 5,458.13	$5,922.52	$6,702.67
MEMBERS EQUITY, END OF YEAR			$ 5,922.52	$6,702.67	$6,911.42
REPRESENTED BY					
Cash on hand and in Bank			$ 6,492.52	$7,412.67	$7,431.42
Less: Prepaid Memberships			$ 570.00	$710.00	$520.00
TOTAL			$ 5,922.52	$6,702.67	$6,911.42

The report shows the Association had net receipts of $208.75 in 2020. .

The cancellation of the 2020 Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's 2020 annual convention and of our annual meeting had negative results on our 2020 financial position. We were not able to carry on the fund-raising activities normally associated with the annual meeting and the mailing costs of our free woods was significantly higher as we were not able to distribute any personally. Fortunately, our association is in good financial shape to weather both the decrease in receipts and increase in expenditures. Our membership remained the same in 2020 as in 2019. We have had several new members join in 2021 including one junior member and our association appears to be in great shape to resume activities and personal contact following the end of the Pandemic restrictions.

Al Munro, Treasurer